

their hard work and dedication, and wish them the best of luck in the upcoming competition.

Mr. Speaker, I hope you and our colleagues will join me in recognizing these exceptional students from Rhode Island and all the participants in the "We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution" Contest. They represent the future leaders of our nation and deserve our support and encouragement.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 2, 2002*

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from this Chamber on April 9, 2001 when rollcall votes Nos. 80, 81, and 82 were cast. I want the RECORD to show that had I been present in this Chamber at the time these votes were cast, I would have voted "yea" on each of these rollcall votes.

I was also unavoidably absent from this Chamber on April 16, 2001, when rollcall vote Nos. 65, 66, and 67 were cast. I want the RECORD to show that had I been present in this Chamber at the times these votes were cast, I would have also voted "yea" on each of these rollcall votes.

#### HONORING ROSE E. GRIMALDI

### HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 2, 2002*

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of the late Rose E. Grimaldi, a longtime Tampa businesswoman and community leader whose love of life and dedication to her family and hometown is an inspiration to us all.

For 30 years, Rose worked as an insurance agent and general manager for Grimaldi and Grimaldi Insurance Agency, and she later served as a chairwoman of the board for Columbia Bank of Tampa for 18 years. In 1987, Hispanic Heritage Inc. honored her with the Business Women of the Year Award.

Rose, however, was best known for her service to the Tampa Bay community, and in particular, her great interest in helping Tampa's young people. Rose was a founding member of the Girls Club of Tampa Bay, the Hillsborough County Community Mental Health Center and the Visiting Nurses Association of Tampa. She was also active in the All Children's Hospital Guild, the Red Cross Angels and the Gulf Coast Lung Association. In 1987, the National Conference of Christians and Jews honored Rose for her commitment to service by giving her the Silver Medallion Award.

Rose, never one to tire easily, still found time to participate in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church programs and a multitude of social events. Through these and her many other activities, Rose truly had a friend in every corner of the community, and she was known and admired by all for her warm heart and boundless energy.

On behalf of the Tampa Bay community, I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Rose's family—her 3 children, 12 grand-

children, and 10 great-grandchildren. They have truly been blessed to have such a wonderful, loving role model as a matriarch, and our community is a much better place because of Rose.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO THOMAS R. POINTON

### HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 2, 2002*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Thomas R. Pointon for his accomplishments and contributions to the State of Colorado. Tom has dedicated himself as a board member to the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District for over thirteen years. As he moves on to new opportunities, I would like to take this moment to thank Tom for his countless hours of service to his community, Colorado, and this nation.

As a farmer and rancher, Tom has been an invaluable member of the board frequently offering his experience and expertise. Mr. Pointon truly understands the need for equal water distribution throughout the West. He has selflessly donated his time and energy to a number of boards, notably the Local Hospital Board and the National Association of Counties—Health and Human Resources Committee. Tom has provided leadership as a Commissioner of Bent County and as Commissioner and President of the County Commission Incorporate Board of Directors. For his diligent efforts and quality service as a commissioner, he was awarded with the recognition of Commissioner of the Year in 1986. As a result of Tom's hard work, moral ethics, and excellence in his field, Colorado governors have twice appointed him to the Arkansas River Compact Administration, an important and vital water division monitor for Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, Thomas R. Pointon's dedication and commitment to maintaining the availability and distribution of this vital Western commodity is to be commended and I am honored to bring forth his accomplishments before this body of Congress, and this nation. He has proved himself a valuable contributor to the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District, his community, and Colorado. Thank you Tom, for all that you have done for Colorado and this nation. I wish you all the best and good luck in your future endeavors.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO DEBORAH HENRY OF JERSEY CITY, WINNER OF THE FIRST ROSS MEDICAL SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

### HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 2, 2002*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in honoring a remarkable woman, Mrs. Deborah Henry of Jersey City, NJ, who recently realized a lifelong dream by becoming the first recipient of the Eliza Anna Grier Scholarship. As one of the founders of the scholarship, I was proud to

nominate Mrs. Henry for this prestigious award, sponsored by Ross University and the Congressional Black Caucus, which will enable her to attend Ross University Medical School.

Mrs. Henry's desire to become a physician was kindled over 25 years ago when she attended Clara Barton High School, which prepares students for careers in the health professions. Majoring in Health Occupational Services, she became excited about the field of medicine and began to dream of one day attending medical school. In 1994, she returned to school and successfully pursued a bachelor of science degree in chemistry with a minor in biology. Married with four children, she managed to carry a full time schedule of classes that included biochemistry, organic chemistry, anatomy and physiology, and physical chemistry. Her last 2 years as an undergraduate at New Jersey City University were also spent fulfilling commitments to teaching biology to fifth graders under the Careers in Teaching internship programs; working on two undergraduate research projects, with papers published in the American Chemical Society's Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting Journal, establishing a public school outreach program to encourage interest in the sciences among minority students, and holding top offices in the Chemistry Club where she oversaw fundraising and other organizational activities. Her past experiences and current work as a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician at West New York Volunteer Emergency Medical Service Company furthered her determination to become a doctor who would serve her community. Mrs. Henry's lofty goal is to establish a nonprofit clinic in a community center that offers quality healthcare to all people who are economically disadvantaged.

Mrs. Henry is a bright, dedicated, and compassionate individual who will make an outstanding physician. I know my colleagues join me in offering warmest congratulations and best wishes to her as she begins this exciting phase of her life.

#### RECOGNITION OF JIMMY BELL

### HON. ROBERT L. EHRLICH, JR.

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 2, 2002*

Mr. EHRLICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the efforts of a stalwart supporter of the law and a great friend of the State of Maryland. Jimmy Bell, an attorney who received his bachelor's degree from California State University, Sacramento and his law degree from American University, has risen to become a local and national hero in fighting for justice, equal rights, and opportunity for all Americans.

Jimmy Bell is a charismatic, captivating attorney and civil rights champion and leader in the fight against racial injustice in our country. He has dedicated his time and energy to educate people about the dangers and inherent inequity of racial prejudice, including extensive work with the Police Department for the city of District Heights, MD with regard to the problem of racial profiling.

Jimmy's hard work on behalf of civil rights has paid off, with groups around the country honoring him and recognizing him as a champion who fights for justice and equal opportunity in our Nation. He was the Keynote